

Alexis for her project on raising awareness about Cystic Fibrosis (CF). Additionally, Alexis also earned the Girl Scout Journey Award and completed over 50 hours of work and planning devoted to this cause.

In the spring of 2013, Alexis began to research CF, a disease her sister has been diagnosed with. Shortly thereafter, she compiled a learning board exhibit which detailed the effects caused by CF.

Over the next several months, Miss Hardrick traveled to various events around Lewisburg, Tennessee, discussing her learning board and arranging activities to promote a greater understanding of CF. Moreover, during the fall of 2013, Alexis enlisted the help of her Girl Scout Troop to host CF Awareness Day and from all accounts was a great success.

On behalf of the people of Tennessee's Fourth Congressional District, I want to congratulate Alexis on receiving the Silver Award and thank her for her dedication and hard work in raising awareness for Cystic Fibrosis.

CONGRATULATING THE JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE CHICAGO CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the John F. Kennedy High School Girls Volleyball team. On October 17, the Crusaders won the Chicago Public League Championship and became the first non-selective enrollment school to win in nearly a decade. I appreciate all of the incredibly hard work and dedication everyone on the team puts into their sport and would like to congratulate them on this tremendous achievement.

The 25–21, 22–25, 25–20 win over Whitney Young Magnet School was a monumental victory for neighborhood schools. Coached by Tim Laughlin and Kimberly Thinnies, the Crusaders finished the season with a 16–1 record, securing the top seed in the tournament. To get to the championship, the Crusaders had to get through Young High School and Payton High School, who between them have won 7 city championships. The Crusaders are composed of seniors Grace Jurevis, Nebal Algoleh, Dana Majerczy, Sydney McCarthy, Melissa Mazur, and Morgan Paske, along with freshman Johanna Hoefling.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this impressive accomplishment made by the John F. Kennedy High School Girls Volleyball team and to congratulate them on their city championship win.

RECOGNIZING DR. SHAFI AHMED FOR HIS LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE AS PRESIDENT OF THE GENESEE COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

HON. DANIEL T. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask the United States House of Representatives to join me in

recognizing Dr. Shafi Ahmed, President of the Genesee County Medical Society, for his outstanding service and unwavering commitment to community.

Dr. Ahmed lived in several countries before moving to the United States of America, where he now practices internal medicine at Court Street Family Medicine. Dr. Ahmed is a kind-hearted individual who has lived a broad life.

After graduation from medical school, he worked in the capital of Bangladesh and completed two years of surgical residency. He then went to Algeria to practice in a government clinic for four years. He was recruited to Saudi Arabia, Libya and Iran but political chaos eventually landed him in Algeria.

Dr. Ahmed's wife, Ruqsana, became pregnant while the Ahmeds were living in Algeria. She returned to Bangladesh to stay with his parents and joined Dr. Ahmed eight months later in the United States where he had begun studying for Masters in Public Health in Dallas. Dr. Ahmed then switched to a research associate position in a cancer research institute in Dallas for three years. His "big break," as he refers to it, occurred when Dr. Norwood Hill took him under his wing along with a Pakistani oncologist, Dr. Amanullah Khan, helped him get a permanent visa and a residency at Hurley Medical Center in Flint, MI.

Dr. Ahmed decided to stay in Michigan to raise his family and make a living practicing medicine. He is honored to be a resident of Genesee County, and we are grateful to have him. Our community is made better because of people such as him.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Dr. Shafi Ahmed for his resilience, strong leadership, and unwavering commitment to our community.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF HENRY ERNEST LOWENSTEIN

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Ms. DeGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of one of Colorado's most respected and honorable residents, Mr. Henry Ernest Lowenstein, who passed away October 7 at age 89. This remarkable man merits both our recognition for decades of work in the theater and gratitude for his unwavering efforts to improve our community. He leaves behind an impressive body of theatrical work as well as his legacy of encouragement and mentorship not just in the arts, but for social justice as well. He made an enormous impact on scores of lives and is widely considered one of the most important people in the shaping of Denver.

Henry Lowenstein was born in Berlin on the 4th of July in 1925, to parents Max and Maria Lowenstein, whose home became a magnet for that city's arts scene. In fact, Henry often told the story of listening to Kurt Weill compose the now classic Three Penny Opera in his parent's apartment. But Berlin in the 1930's was no place to raise a Jewish family. Fearing for the safety of their son following the harrowing Kristallnacht in 1938, Henry would become part of history himself as a child of the Kindertransport program, which saved the lives of thousands of children before the out-

break of World War II. Miraculously, the Lowenstein family was reunited after the war and was able to immigrate to America in 1947. Consistently fighting against discrimination in any form, Henry held a deep compassion for artists and outcasts. This passion, born from the horrors of Nazi Germany, would shape the artist he would become.

After working for years as a foundry man and a gravedigger, Henry joined the U.S. Air Force, where he worked as an illustrator before attending Yale University. While at Yale he studied theatrical design and worked as a stagehand on Broadway. It was during that time he received a call from the Denver Post publisher, Mrs. Helen Bonfils, who was the wife of theater producer George Somnes. That 1956 request to run what would become the nationally recognized Bonfils Theatre changed not only Henry's life but the lives of hundreds of artists over the next five decades. Henry earned the nickname "Father of Denver Theater." The Bonfils Theatre produced more than 400 plays, operas, ballet, children's theater, and touring productions until it closed in 1986 by which time it had been renamed the Lowenstein Theater. It was then that Mr. Lowenstein retired—for the first time. The next stage in Mr. Lowenstein's theatrical life was to found the Denver Civic Theater which he ran until his second retirement in 1995, although Henry never fully retired. He was a prolific scenic and costume designer and contributed designs into the early 2000's.

Mr. Lowenstein's passion for theater was equaled by his commitment to human rights. Henry was a prolific mentor, particularly for women and people of color. His hiring practices, like his theatrical productions, consistently broke down racial and societal barriers. His work was so important to the theatrical community that the Colorado Theater Guild's annual theater awards were renamed "The Henry's" in his honor in 2008. In his later years, Mr. Lowenstein was also actively involved in the historical preservation of personal artifacts related to his family's experience in Nazi Germany.

Mr. Lowenstein is survived by his wife, Deborah Goodman Lowenstein and sons David, Daniel and Joshua by his late wife, Doris Brewer, and his granddaughters Sarah and Nyssa.

Please join me in commending Mr. Henry Lowenstein for his leadership in the search for justice, equality and beauty through the vehicle called theater; which dares to show us our humanity. Henry's generosity of spirit, kindness and compassion continues to enhance our lives and builds a better future for us all.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF MR. VERNON H. HUKLE JR.

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize an outstanding individual, Mr. Vernon H. Hukle Jr. of Winchester, Kentucky, for his distinguished military service during World War II. Mr. Hukle served our nation in uniform from October 20, 1942 to November 20, 1945.

As a young man, Mr. Hukle began his service in the United States Marine Corps as a

Corporal within the 2nd Marine Division—8th Regiment—1st Battalion—Company C 182. He entered the war against the Axis Powers by storming the deadly beaches of Okinawa and fought valiantly, sustaining serious injuries during combat.

On June 20, 1945, Mr. Hukle received two separate bullet wounds to his arm and leg. Throughout the heated battle, Mr. Hukle witnessed many of his comrades killed in action including the 10th Army Commander, Lieutenant General Simon Bolivar Buckner Jr. The battle raged on for two more days until Allied Forces were able claim victory in controlling the island on June 22, 1945. Mr. Hukle received two Purple Hearts for being wounded in action by an enemy of the United States.

Mr. Hukle embodies the best of America's ideals, values, and work ethic. He served this nation proudly, answering the call to prevent the Axis Powers threat from arriving on our shores.

Mr. Hukle's bravery and that of his fellow men and women in uniform protected our American freedoms for future generations. He is truly an outstanding American and an inspiration to us all.

RECOGNIZING CORETHA MACK

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Ms. Coretha Mack of Clermont, Florida as she celebrates her 90th birthday on November 14, 2014.

Ms. Mack was born in Orlando where she spent her childhood and graduated from Jones High School in 1946. She then moved to Hartford, Connecticut where she lived and worked for more than 50 years. In Hartford, she was a member of Faith Congregational Church and served on the church's Diaconate Board and Board of Trustees. Ms. Mack returned to Florida in 2002 and has been an active member of Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church. Her faith and dedication to service have been an inspiration to others, and she continues to cherish her relationships with God, her family and her friends.

I wish Ms. Mack a very happy birthday, and all the best in the future.

ACKNOWLEDGING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Wallingford, Pennsylvania.

Since its founding in 1889, Holy Trinity has been at the center of the religious life in Delaware County, and the congregation lives its faith of love and charity every day. Members of the Holy Trinity family are well known for their commitment to their community through charitable fundraising and volunteer projects to

provide meals to the homeless and clothing to the disadvantaged. Under the leadership of Pastor Gordon Simmons, Holy Trinity's membership has grown and the church community has been strengthened.

Mr. Speaker, I honor Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, its leadership and its congregants for 125 years of faithful service to our community, and wish them good health and happiness in the years to come.

HONORING ST. JANE DE CHANTAL PARISH ON ITS 60TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor St. Jane de Chantal Parish on its 60th anniversary as a Catholic community of faith in Chicago, Illinois. St. Jane de Chantal embodies the core pillars of the Roman Catholic Church and its congregation upholds the values and practices of Catholicism through their devotion to charity and spiritual development. From humble beginnings in 1954, Father John Ward organized the first Mass at the Mark Twain Public School, which he rented for \$96 on a Sunday. Today, the parish celebrates 60 years of faithful service to God and to the Garfield Ridge community and to the 3rd District of Illinois.

St. Jane de Chantal Parish is currently led by Fr. Ed Cronin, with Fr. Joe Mol in residence and Fr. John Wachala as the Polish Associate. As part of the Archdiocese of Chicago, the parish offers daily masses, community-building events, and countless fundraising and community-outreach events. The Parish hosts blood drives on Saturdays and food drives on the weekends. In November, they run a Hungry and Homeless Turkey Tree program in which families from the Parish sponsor needy families from the community and provide them with Thanksgiving meals.

The Polish Ministry of St. Jane de Chantal supports the Polish community by offering five services a week as well as other special Masses and events. The school, led by Principal Nancy Andrasco, provides a Catholic education for children starting in pre-school up to the eighth grade. Children are taught the Catholic ideals of love, sacrifice, and charity while receiving an outstanding education in a compassionate and supportive environment.

I am happy to join with St. Jane de Chantal Parish and help commemorate its 60th anniversary. I am confident that they will continue to perpetuate Catholic ideals by providing spiritual nourishment through worship and service to their community. Mr. Speaker, St. Jane de Chantal is an exemplary Catholic parish and I ask my colleagues to join me as I extend my blessings to all the parishioners on this significant milestone.

RECOGNIZING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF EDGEWATER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I recognize Edgewater Behavioral Health Services as the organization celebrates its 40th anniversary. In honor of this momentous occasion, the organization is hosting a celebratory event on Friday, October 17, 2014, at the Radisson Hotel at Star Plaza, in Merrillville, Indiana.

The growing need for quality mental health care in the United States led to Congress passing the Community Mental Health Act of 1963. The Gary Community Mental Health Center was one of the original facilities set up in Indiana after the passage of this bill. In 1974, due to the hard work of many leaders in Gary at the time, the center was incorporated as a not-for-profit organization. Over the years, the organization continued to grow, expanding its range of services and leadership. Under the direction of current president and chief executive officer, Dr. Danita Johnson Hughes, the center's name was changed to Edgewater Systems for Balanced Living, Inc. and, in 2014, began doing business under the name Edgewater Behavioral Health Services. Edgewater provides services ranging from crisis intervention and addiction services to day treatment, out-patient programs, and residential services, to name a few. Due to the outstanding leadership of Dr. Johnson Hughes and the entire staff, Edgewater currently provides services for over 30,000 clients each year. The organization also provides over \$3 million in services to charity cases.

Edgewater partners with other service providers, groups, and organizations in order to meet the needs of each person that walks through its doors. This year, Edgewater is honoring Dr. Daniel Lowery, Ph.D., president of Calumet College of Saint Joseph, with the Commonwealth Award for Personal and Professional Leadership. This award recognizes distinctive contributions made by individuals who hold the value of the common good over personal gain. The Sojourner Truth House, a ministry for women and children in Gary, will be honored with the Commonwealth Award for Institutional Leadership. This award recognizes institutional and organizational leadership that promotes the common good within communities faced with long-term, difficult challenges. For their exceptional commitment to the community of Northwest Indiana, and for touching the lives of countless individuals, each recipient is worthy of the honors bestowed upon them.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in honoring Edgewater Behavioral Health Services as the organization celebrates its 40th anniversary. Edgewater has played an important role in enriching the quality of life in Northwest Indiana. As a community we are grateful and proud to have had its support during the past 40 years. For its remarkable leadership, devotion, and compassion shown in its service to so many in need, Edgewater is worthy of the highest praise.